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West Nile Virus Update #8 **September 7, 2004**

Note to news editors and reporters: This is a weekly update of West Nile virus activity in North Dakota. Updates will be sent every Tuesday afternoon throughout the WNV season.

BISMARCK, N.D. – The North Dakota Department of Health today reported one additional human case of West Nile virus. This brings the statewide total to 15 humans and 62 birds identified with West Nile virus infection.

The individual is a resident of Dunn County who was hospitalized.

The following is a breakdown of the human cases statewide:

- Total human cases – 15
 - Total tests conducted – 974
 - Counties: Benson (1), Burke (1), Burleigh (3), Divide (1), Dunn (1), Emmons (1), McLean (1), Mercer (2), Sargent (1), Stark (1), Towner (1), Wells (1)
- Human deaths – 1
- Gender
 - Female – 7
 - Male – 8
- Age ranges
 - Ages 10 to 19 – 1
 - Ages 20 to 29 – 1
 - Ages 30 to 39 – 4
 - Ages 40 to 49 – 3
 - Ages 50 to 59 – 3
 - Age 60 and older – 3
- Number hospitalized this season – 2

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The following is a summary of West Nile virus activity affecting birds and horses:

- WNV-positive dead birds – 44
 - Total dead birds tested – 459
 - Counties: Bottineau, Bowman, Burleigh, Cass, Cavalier, Eddy, Grand Forks, Grant, McHenry, McLean, Morton, Mountrail, Nelson, Pierce, Ransom, Renville, Richland, Ward, Wells and Williams
- WNV-positive live birds – 18
 - Total live birds tested – 430
 - Counties: Billings, Divide, Golden Valley, Grant, Griggs and Hettinger
- WNV-positive horses – 0
 - Total horses tested – 60

For more information, including a fact sheet about personal protection recommendations, visit the North Dakota West Nile virus website at www.ndwnv.com.

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